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NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY MISSION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to implement the National Food Security Mission (NFSM) in other districts of the country also;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the details regarding the criteria adopted for the inclusion of districts under NFSM; and

(d) the details of the progress made under the said mission?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. Government has no such proposal to extend the National Food Security Mission to other districts of country.

(c): Under National Food Security Mission districts have been identified based on certain criteria such as for NFSM-Rice, those districts were identified which have more than 50,000 ha area under rice and productivity less than the State's average productivity; for NFSM-Wheat the districts in which irrigation coverage under wheat is more than 50% and productivity is less than State's average were identified. The districts for implementation of NFSM-Pulses have been selected based on existing large area under pulses, potential for area expansion through inter- cropping and utilization of rice fallows.

(d): The progress of NFSM has been most promising with enhanced input use and reach of better technologies to the farmers which has resulted into an additional production gain of about one million tonne of wheat during 2007-08 in NFSM districts.